Research Topic: ________________

Library Research Assignment

You will be handed a research topic by your instructor. You are to take
this topic and find one research item from each of the five following
sources:

1. One book
   a. You will need to look at the _iPAC_ to locate your book. [click on link for directions]
   b. If you cannot find a book for your topic, substitute it with an article
      from one of the academic databases listed in Nos. 2 or 3.

2. One article from Academic Search Complete

3. One article from GaleGroup’s Opposing Viewpoints database

4. One newspaper article select from:
   a. _The New York Times_ archival index OR
   b. Use InfoTrac Custom Newspaper database OR Newspaper Source in
      EBSCO

5. One Internet Source that meets support-of-argument evaluation
criteria [consult _Assessing an Argument_ tutorial in PJC Library Web site].
   a. _i.e._ Public Agenda.org, the Cato Institute, NPR, or another
      government policy-making think tank
   b. use accessmylibrary.com for excellent Internet research articles.

DIRECTIONS:
When you have found a source, print off the first page – and only the first page.
[In the Print option, select Pages and put 1-1].

1. You will turn in a total of 6 pages for your assignment, STAPLED!
2. The first page is your Works Cited page in MLA format (example on back).
3. The following five pages will be the first page of each of your articles. Print
   only the first page. Make sure each article is relevant to your research topic
   and you alphabetize by author’s last name. You must have the following five
   items:
   a. Book (if you cite a hardcopy book, turn in a copy of the cover, verso
   b. Article from Academic Search Complete database
   c. Article from GaleGroup’s Opposing Viewpoints database
   d. Newspaper article
   e. Internet source

4. Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) directly below the last entry on the
   Works Cited page describing the following:
   a. Has this exercise improved your information-seeking behavior?
Do you think you can use the skills learned in this assignment in future classes you take to complete your certificate or degree?

What was the most important thing you feel was taught in this assignment?

Evaluation consists of points awarded for each correct element of the bibliographic citation listed on the Works Cited page. See grading rubric on library homepage. (5 extra points for writing the short paragraph in No. 4.)

Example: Media Violence

WORKS CITED


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